



Be Prepared

- If you are prepared, picking up after your pet is easy. Simply carry a plastic bag with you on every walk with your pet. There are even compact, refillable bag dispensers that you can conveniently attach right to your dog's leash.
- Many parks and recreational areas have courtesy bags and disposal boxes, designed specifically for pet waste.
- Avoid letting your pet do his business within 200 feet of a water body.
- Never throw pet waste into a storm drain. Dispose of the waste when you get home, and do not forget to wash your hands.

Help Keep Our Watershed Clean

About Us

We love our dogs! But dog waste carries harmful microorganisms that can make our waters unsafe for swimming and drinking. Picking it up can be a major benefit, particularly in paved areas and near streams and lakes.

Pick Up After Your Pet

Contact Us

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Town of Windham

Pet Waste Disposal



Pet Waste Doesn't Belong in the Drain

- Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. Runoff is typically collected by catch basins and then is conveyed untreated into waterbodies that we use for recreational activities like swimming, fishing, or as a source of drinking water.
- Any pet waste dumped into catch basins will be discharged untreated to the closest stream, pond, lake or river, causing health and environmental problems, as well as becoming a public nuisance.

Did you Know?

- Pet waste significantly contributes to pollutants (bacteria and organic matter) in Windham's water bodies and receiving wetlands.
- Pet Waste dumped or washed into catch basins (Stormwater drains) is carried directly to rivers through the Stormwater drain system.
- Pet waste often carries viruses and bacteria that are extremely harmful to humans.
- Pet waste contains nitrogen and phosphorus nutrients that accelerate growth of damaging algae and aquatic life.

What You Can Do

- Always clean up after your pet, and dispose of waste in a sealed or tied bag in a trashcan.
- Encourage your neighbors and other pet owners to be responsible.

What You Should NOT Do

- Do not dispose of pet waste in a catch basin. These systems go directly to the rivers and brooks.
- Don not use pet waste as a fertilizer. Bacteria in pet waste does far more harm than good.
- Do not add pet waste to a compost pile. The pile will never get hot enough to kill disease-causing organisms.

How Much Will It Cost You?

- The Town of Windham performs cleaning of the Stormwater drain system. Pet waste that has been improperly disposed of can return positive results for disposal contaminants.
- When severe contamination is identified in an outfall, an investigation process begins which will identify the source of contamination per EPA's requirements.
- When the source of contamination is pet waste, it is almost impossible to identify the origin of the contamination due to its sporadic nature.



You can help the Town of Windham save thousands of dollars every year by disposing of your pet waste properly.

THANK YOU!